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Twelve Durham Co-Workers Collect \$200,000 Powerball Prize

RALEIGH – They call themselves the “Dirty Dozen.” They are 12 jubilant employees who work at a Durham plant and who made a trip to Raleigh to collect their \$200,000 Powerball prize at the North Carolina Education Lottery’s (NCEL) headquarters Thursday afternoon.

The self-proclaimed “Dirty Dozen” work for Parata Systems. The group matched all five white balls in Wednesday night’s drawing. The winning numbers were 13, 20, 41, 42, and 53. After taxes, each player received \$11,333.

“We all feel so blessed,” said Sandra Hays of Pelham. “We’ve been playing together since it started. We have been looking forward to this day for long time.”

The group, which was made up of quality engineers, electronics technicians, and buyers said they each put in \$1 for each drawing and one of the group goes to purchase the tickets. They bought this ticket at Kangaroo Express #3093 on N.C. Highway 55 in Durham.

Anthony DiGiovanni of Raleigh checked the winning numbers on the computer when he arrived at work Thursday morning. “He came running and screaming,” Hays said. “I could not for the life of me figure out what could have happened to get him that bent out of shape. It’s out of character for him. He is always so calm.”

Two of the winners proclaimed, “Disney World here we come!” The winners said they would take trips, buy new cars, set up college funds, and invest their winnings.

Winners:

Beth Hall – Ramseur	Jeromey Murdock - Fuquay-Varina
Angela Cottle – Cary	Randy Daniels – Franklinton
James Stanley – Raleigh	Ricky Upchurch – Durham
Roderick Howie – Durham	Leverne Byrd – Raleigh
Bryan Farnsworth – Wake Forest	Ryan Jones – Clayton
Anthony DiGiovanni – Raleigh	Sandra Hays – Pelham

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